

GRAND BLANC AYSO REGION 169



MAY, 2009

AYSO MOVES BACK TO HARTKER!

After three seasons of playing soccer at the GM Metal Fab complex in Grand Blanc, AYSO has returned home to Hartker fields on Maple Road. The homecoming actually took place for the

fall 2008 season, but the official sign hanging ceremony took place on April 18th.

AYSO Region 169 would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to the management and

staff at the GM Metal Fab Plant. They stepped up and helped out when this organization was in trouble and gave over 500 kids a place to play soccer.

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REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2009/SPRING 2010 SEASON

Registration for the Fall 2009 – Spring 2010 season is upon us. The cost is structured this year to encourage on-line registration and early registration. The cost for the season is \$100 per player. If you register before June 5 you will receive a \$10 discount. If you register online at eAYSO.org you will receive a \$5 discount. You can

also receive a \$5 discount for each sibling after one full price registration. **There will be no mail in registrations accepted.** To register online go to www.694kick.org, click on "Registration Information" in the "Register" pull down menu and follow the directions. Upon completion of the on-line process you must print out three

copies and bring them to an in-person registration. The in-person registrations will be at Hartker Fields on on May 16 from 9 AM to 3 PM and on May 17 from 1 PM to 5 PM. An additional day will be added around June 5 (exact time/place/date is TBD). A late registration event may be added if needed prior to the close of

registration on July 18th. Registration forms will also be available at the in person registrations. Anyone using the registration form will not receive the \$5 eAYSO discount. Any registrations mailed to AYSO will be returned to sender unprocessed.

MEET THE REGION 169 BOARD

Regional Commissioner — Bill Hoffmann:

The job of the RC is to oversee and manage the day to day business of our region (i.e. try and keep all the puppies in the box). Bill has held this position on the board for the past two years. In addition to his RC function he has been the game scheduler and web site administrator for the past two and a half years. Bill has also been a referee for the past four years, with the last two at the intermediate level, and most recently has become a referee instructor. He has three sons that play soccer in the region.

Assistant Regional Commissioner — Sara Pace:

The assistant RC's functions include filling in for the RC as needed, learning the RC position to take over when/if the RC retires, recruit and organize volunteer base, and anything and everything else that needs doing. Sara has worn several hats during her two year and a half year tenure on the board. She was the special event coordinator for a couple of months, the boys registrar for two years and has held her current assistant RC position for one year (yes, she did double duty for a while). Sara has also been a referee for two years, attaining the levels of intermediate and referee instructor. She also has been the coach of her daughter's team for the past two years.

Regional Coach Administrator — Dave Tripp:

The RCA's job is manage the coaches. Dave has held the position of RCA for four and a half years. He is also an intermediate referee and has coached for six years. He has two children that play soccer in the region. You will be able to recognize Dave out on the fields by the message printed on the back of his coaches jersey: "I COACH, THEY PLAY, YOU CHEER". A great motto to live by.

Regional Referee Administrator — Richard Tuttle:

The job of the RRA is to manage the referee volunteer group. Richard has been the RRA for the past two years. He is also a referee and has coached his two sons for the past eight years.

Regional Girls Registrar — Rich Perez:

The Registrars job includes the planning and implementing of the registration of players and volunteers. Rich has held this position on the board for the past four years. He is also a referee and has coached his daughter's team for the past five years. Rich brings with him experience from AYSO in California where he coached his son and daughter for 9 years.

Regional Boys Registrar — Jennifer Johnson:

Along with Rich, Jennifer makes up the other half of our registrar team. Jennifer has been the regional boys registrar for the past six months. She has two children playing soccer in the region.

Regional Child and Volunteer protection Advocate — Luke Foster:

The function of the CVPA is to oversee the child and volunteer protection program in accordance with AYSO National. Luke has been the CVPA for the last three years. He has been a referee for two years and has been coaching teams for 5 years. He has four sons that have played soccer in our region, two of which are also referees.

Regional Safety Director — Luke Foster:

The RSD is responsible for all aspects of the region's safety including equipment, fields and first aid. Luke has been doing double duty in this task, along with his CVPA responsibility, for two years.

Regional Treasurer — Dottie DeSantis:

The treasurer oversees all the financial transactions for our region. For the past one and a half years Dottie has filled this position on the board. She has also recently become a referee. She has one daughter who plays in our region.

Director of Inventory — Jennifer Strommer:

The Inventory Director maintains the inventory for all the assets of our AYSO region. Jennifer has been the smiling face handing out uniforms for the last three years. She has one child playing soccer in our region.

Public Relations — Steve Gillman:

Steve has been the interface to the public for the past year and has been responsible for the ads and press releases in the paper announcing AYSO activities. He has also been a coach for three years and has three children who have played in our region.

Secretary — Dave Prawdzik:

The secretary's job includes taking and distributing board meeting minutes and publishing newsletters and parent handbooks. Dave has held this position for four years. He has also coached for five years and has three children that have played in our region, one of which is also a referee.

If you happen to meet any of these people out on the fields, or anywhere for that matter, thank them. It has been their tireless efforts that have made the Grand Blanc AYSO program the success that it has become.

GRAND BLANC AYSO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We're not going to try and be clever, witty or cute. Very simply, we need more volunteers. We need help. Badly. Now.

There has been a small group of dedicated volunteers who, along with our volunteer coaches and referees, have put in many, many hours of work over the past three years (see "Meet the Board, pg 2). With the recent influx of kids from GYSL our number of players has increased to around 1000. The amount of work needing to be done is now far beyond the capability of this small group.

AYSO is an all volunteer organization. A thousand players registered means we should have a pool of about 2000 volunteers to work with. Unfortunately that has not been the case and we continue to struggle getting enough help. The question is why? Please read through this series of Q and A and hopefully it will inspire you to volunteer.

Q: I didn't know you needed help?
 A: Yes we do. All the time.

Q: I don't know anything about soccer, how can I help?

A: Many jobs require little to no knowledge of soccer (i.e. handing out uniforms, tearing down or setting up equipment, helping at registration). Training will be supplied for any job requiring it.

Q: Won't volunteering take up a lot of my time?

A: There are many jobs that only require a few hours of your time (i.e. helping at a registration, handing out uniforms, counting inventory etc.)

Q: Will I be "thrown to the wolves" with no help or training.

A: No. There will always be someone with you and you will always get any training needed to do the task you volunteered for.

Q: I'm afraid if I volunteer once I will be called all the time?

A: While we hope after volunteering once you would want to do so again, we will spread out the tasks. If a quarter of the parents would volunteer, we would have over 2000 hours of help!

Q: Once I've paid my registration fee my obligation is done, right?

A: Wrong. AYSO works only if we volunteer. Having an all volunteer organization keeps the costs down and allows more kids the opportunity to play.

Q: I have no one to watch my children when I volunteer

A: There are lots of activities that can be done at home or done at the field where your children would be welcome to come along and help.

Q: I don't know anyone in the organization or who to contact. I'm a little uncomfortable volunteering in this situation.

A: Please contact us! We will welcome you with open arms. Volunteering is a great way to meet others in your community and make new friends.

PLEASE CONTACT SARA PACE AT:
 810-953-3390
 ssamczyk@att.net

FUNDRAISER AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS

We are having a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in Grand Blanc (8251 Trillium Circle Ave.) on Wednesday, May 20th from 5 to 9 PM. Just clip out the coupon below and bring it with you. Present it to your server and 15% of all of your FOOD purchases will go to support Grand Blanc AYSO Soccer. This is a one night event and is valid only at this location. Invite your friends and hang out with other AYSO families. Meet some of the board members. It's an evening of great food and fun for a great cause.


AYSO Grand Blanc Soccer

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Present this certificate to your server at the time of Purchase and 15% of all your FOOD purchases will go to support the

AYSO Grand Blanc Soccer

Only valid at 8251 Trillium Circle Ave, Grand Blanc, MI 48439 (810) 603.1299
 From 5 – 9pm only





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IMPORTANT DATES

- May 16 & 17: Registration at Hartker Fields and picture make-up days
- May 20: Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings
- May 30 & 31: Grand Blanc AYSO Tournament for U8 through U12
- June 5: End of early registration
- June 5 & 6: Last weekend of regularly scheduled games and Fenton Tournament
- June 13 & 14: Game make-up weekend
- June 19–20: AYSO sectional tournament
- July 18: End of 2009-2010 season registration
- August 3–7: AYSO sponsored soccer camp with Midwest Soccer Academy
- September 12 & 13: First weekend of games for the fall season



- Everyone Plays
- Balanced Teams
- Open Registration
- Positive Coaching
- Good Sportsmanship

